

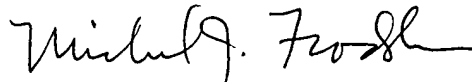
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-26 are originally claims of the present application. With this filing, Applicant hereby cancels claims 2-26 without prejudice, thereby reserving the right to present these claims at a later time. Applicant also adds new claims 27-45. Accordingly, claims 1, and 27-45 are now presently pending.

In the event that the Examiner finds impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

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